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## **American Indian Environmental Office Report for Week of May 2-6, 2016**



### **Items of Note:**

#### **White House Council on Native American Affairs Monthly Meeting**

The Direct Implementation Program Assessment Workgroup held their kick-off meeting Thursday May 5th. Mike Brincks, Deputy Regional Administrator in Region 7 and Randy Hill, Deputy Assistant Administrator in the Office of International and Tribal Affairs gave opening remarks explaining the charge to the workgroup and the purpose of conducting the Direct Implementation Program Assessment. The goal of the Direct Implementation Program Assessment is to understand EPA's implementation of federal regulatory environmental programs in Indian country by examining its direct implementation activities to ensure that programs are as effective in Indian country as they are outside of Indian country. There are representatives from several program offices and regions serving on the Direct Implementation Program Assessment Workgroup. The workgroup will develop a general methodology (questions, methods and metrics) to understand program activities and assess program outcomes in Indian Country and develop a program review schedule for sub-workgroups to review one to two programs at a time. Future Direct Implementation Program Assessment Workgroup meetings will be held bimonthly.

#### **Direct Implementation Program Assessment Workgroup Kick-off**

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#### **EPA's Tribal ecoAmbassadors Program- New Grant Program**

EPA's Tribal ecoAmbassadors new grant program (RFP #EPA-OITA-AIEO-2016-001) is designed to assist Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU) to conduct research on environmental and climate change issues within their campus and tribal communities. With this RFP, the EPA is seeking to award several grants of up to \$50,000 to enable awardees to prepare course curriculum, conduct their research project, select student participants, and identify equipment and materials necessary to successfully complete their science research study within a one academic year time frame. Specific problems that may be addressed include, but are not limited to: climate change mitigation, climate change adaptation, air quality, water quality, and waste management. EPA will be accepting applications for this RFP through **Friday, June 17, 2016, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET)**. (Rosalva Tapia).

OITA/AIEO will host two informative Post-Open RFP webinars:

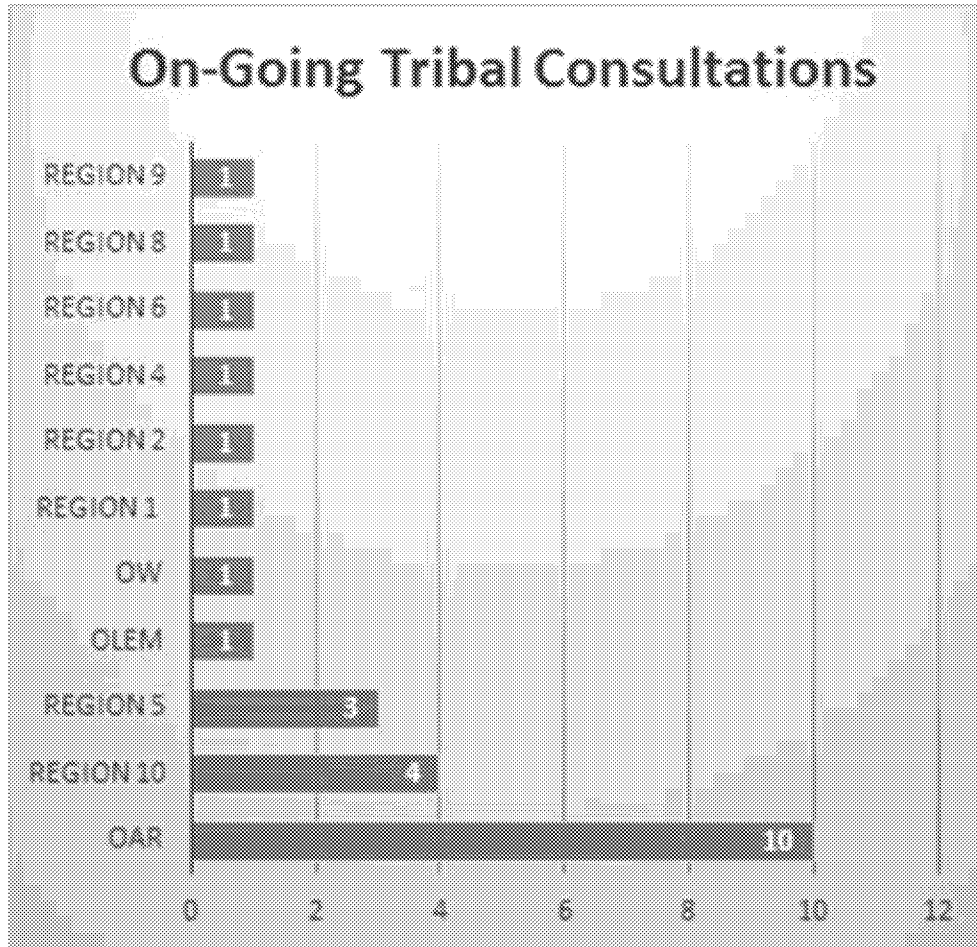
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For a copy of the Tribal ecoAmbassadors Program RFP, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/tribal/tribal-ecoambassadors-program>.

### **Tribal Consultation Activity**

EPA's Consultation Policy requires Agency program and regional office to consider tribal consultation if the action or decision may affect tribal interest. (Dona Harris).

- I. EPA has 25 active consultations (13 Regional and 12 National) and 151 (132 Regional and 19 National) consultations under development in TCOTS. <http://tcots.epa.gov>



## II. Consultation Opportunities Opening in May 2016

Office	Topic	Date	Engagement Type
OEJ/OECA	EJ2020 Action Agenda	MAY	Varied

## III. Consultations closing for tribal input in May 2016

Office	Topic	Closing Date

<b>OLEM</b>	Risk Managment Program (RMP) Modernization Notice of Proposed Rule Making	5/13/2016
<b>Region 6</b>	Consultation on City of Santa Fe Paseo Real WWTP NPDES Permit	5/30/2016
<b>Region 8</b>	Dewey-Burdock Uranium Recovery Site in the Southern Black Hills near Edgemont, South Dakota	5/31/2016

**Upcoming Meetings**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
May 17-19, 2016	Region 2 20 <sup>th</sup> Annual Indian Nation Leaders Meeting	Niagara Falls, NY
May 17-20, 2016	2016 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality	Niagara Falls, NY
June 14-17, 2016	Region 10 RTOC Quarterly Meeting/	Hosted by the Nez Perce Tribe
June 27-30, 2016	National Congress of American Indians Midyear Conference	Spokane, WA
August 9-12, 2016	Summer Region 9 RTOC	TBA
September 13-15, 2016	Region 10 RTOC quarterly Meeting	

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